

What is claimed is:

1. A small form factor disk drive for use in an appliance, which disk drive comprises:
 - a connector side, a removal side, and gripping sides;
- 5 wherein the gripping sides include gripping mechanisms that are disposed along the gripping sides so that the gripping mechanisms are exposed whenever the appliance ejects the disk drive.
2. The small form factor disk drive of claim 1 wherein the gripping mechanisms comprise a predetermined number of protuberances.
- 10 3. The small form factor disk drive of claim 2 wherein the protuberances are disposed within the form factor of the disk drive.
4. The small form factor disk drive of claim 2 wherein the protuberances comprise ridges.
5. The small form factor disk drive of claim 2 wherein the
- 15 protuberances comprise an array of bumps.
6. The small form factor disk drive of claim 5 wherein the bumps are spherical bumps.
7. The small form factor disk drive of claim 5 wherein the bumps are pyramid-shaped bumps.
- 20 8. The small form factor disk drive of claim 2 wherein a surface of the protuberances have high friction.
9. A small form factor disk drive for use in an appliance, which disk drive comprises:
 - a connector side, a removal side; and gripping sides;
- 25 wherein the gripping sides include gripping mechanisms that are disposed adjacent to the removal side.
10. The small form factor disk drive of claim 1 wherein the gripping mechanisms comprise a rough or high friction surface.